

REMARKS

The application contains claims 1 and 3-40. Claims 1, 3-4, 18 and 32 have been amended. Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the underlying subject matter. The Commissioner is authorized to charge all fees associated with this filing to our Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw all outstanding grounds of rejection. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the application.

Examiner Interview

Applicants thank Examiner Gauthier and Primary Examiner Weaver for the courtesy of the personal interview of May 21, 2003 with the Applicants' undersigned representative.

During the Examiner interview, Applicants' representative distinguished the claimed invention over the applied art including Fuller et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,752,191 (hereinafter *Fuller*). No agreement was reached.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C § 102(b)

In paragraphs 1-2 of the Office Action, claims 1-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Fuller*.

Applicants respectfully submit that *Fuller* does not disclose or suggest, at least, "returning a second PAAM string and a third PAAM string, from the one or more PAAM strings from the database, to the called party in the routed call, wherein the second PAAM string is a salutation to the called party and a third PAAM string identifies the calling party to the called party; and connecting the call if the called party accepts the call" as recited, among other features, in claims 1 and 18 of the present invention, as presented.

Fuller relates to an intelligent telephone control system which is connected to a telephone exchange. Each user of the system is assigned a unique telephone number with the control system routing calls to the user where ever the user may be located. Col. 1, ll. 58-62. In a voice screening mode, a caller at phone 26 wishes to speak to a subscriber of the Intelligent Telephone Control System 1. The caller at phone 26 dials the access number for the subscriber, and the PSTN 2 delivers the call to the access control system 1 via facilities 3. The access control system 1 requests and then records the caller's name and business. The PSTN 2 then delivers the outgoing call to the lead telephone number of factory 21, which is answered by the factory's receptionist. The receptionist pages the subscriber via the factory's speaker system, informing him of the call. The subscriber then answers the call at phone 22, and enters his Personal Identification Number (PIN) code. The access control system 1 then plays back the callers name and business. If the subscriber chooses to complete the call, the Intelligent Telephone Control System 1 instructs the switch 4 to connect the incoming facility to the outgoing facility to complete the call. Col. 11, l. 66 – Col. 12, l. 36.

Applicants respectfully submit that *Fuller* does not teach or suggest a database that stores personal alert messages that are returned to the called party, as claimed. Moreover, *Fuller* does not disclose or suggest that the personal alert messages may include **a second PAAM string which is a salutation to the called party and a third PAAM string that identifies the calling party to the called party** as claimed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1 and 18 are in condition for allowance over the applied art for at least this reason and for the additional features recited therein.

Applicants respectfully submit that *Fuller* does not teach or suggest, at least, "a memory for storing one or more PAAM strings, wherein responsive to the call from the calling party, the switch queries the memory for the one or more PAAM strings, returns a first PAAM string identifying the called party to the calling party, returns a second PAAM string to the called party that represents a salutation to the called party, returns a third PAAM string to the called party that identifies the calling party to the called party, and connects the call if the called party answers the call" as recited among other

features in independent claim 12 of the present invention. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 12 is in condition for allowance over the applied art.

Applicants respectfully submit that *Fuller* does not teach or suggest, at least, "if the called party number is not found in the local calling party database, presenting the calling party with a generic first PAAM string, the generic first PAAM string including a generic message relating to the identity of the called party" as recited among other features in independent claim 25 of the present invention. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 25 is in condition for allowance over the applied art for at least this reason and for the additional features recited therein.

Applicants respectfully submit that *Fuller* does not teach or suggest, for example, "an output device to output the generated first personalized message to the calling party while the call is connected and to further output a generic message to the calling party including a generic PAAM string including an identifier relating to the identity of the called party if the called party number is not found in the memory" as recited among other features in independent claim 32 of the present invention, as presented. Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 32 is in condition for allowance over the applied art for at least this reason and for the additional features recited therein.

Claims 3-11 depend from independent claim 1, claims 13-17 depend from independent claim 12, claims 18-24 depend from independent claim 18, claims 26-31 depend from independent claim 25, and claims 33-40 depend from independent claim 32 and thus, claims 3-11, 13-17, 18-24, 26-31 and 33-40 are allowable for the reasons stated above with respect to the claim from which they depend, and for the additional features recited therein.

CONCLUSION

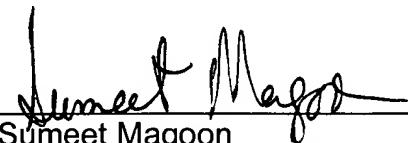
Attached hereto is a clean version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Clean Version of the Claims."

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the foregoing remarks, the application as amended is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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